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REMARKS

The Office Action of May 19, 2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. It is submitted that, by this Amendment, all bases of rejection are traversed and overcome. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 21, 23, 24, 29, 31 and 32 remain in the application. Claims 22, 25-28, 30, 33 and 34 have been canceled herein without prejudice. New claims 35-42 have been added in order to set forth additional specific embodiments of Applicants' invention. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the specification and claims as filed, at least at page 12, lines 25-29, page 16, lines 11-13 and lines 21-26, and in original claim 4. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-25 and 29-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,127,947). Regarding claims 21 and 29, the Examiner states that Uchida discloses a method and a computer readable medium for storing a computer program for providing technical services to a telematics unit comprising selecting a technical service action for at least one telematics device.

Although Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's rejections, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 21 and 29 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Support for these recitations may be found throughout the specification as filed, at least at page 14, lines 10-25, page 15, line 20 through page 16, line 5, and page 16, lines 16-20.

Applicants respectfully submit that Uchida *fails* to teach 1) selecting a technical service action for at least one telematics device, and 2) associating the selected service action with a **unique** identification code assigned to a respective telematics device. Furthermore, Uchida fails to teach that such selecting and associating take place at a service center. Still further, Uchida neither mentions nor suggests comparing a unique identification code that is associated with a telematics unit that is requesting services from the service center with a previously stored unique identification code that is assigned to a respective telematics device. Uchida also does not teach providing the service to the telematics unit if the unique codes are found to match.

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In sharp contrast, Uchida teaches maintaining and/or changing parameters for setting conditions of electronic devices of a vehicle (see Col. 19, lines 21-25 and 31-35). More specifically, Uchida teaches accumulating and updating vehicle characteristic values to an optimum value. The services described in Uchida are *not* pre-selected for particular telematics device(s) (which are identifiable via the assigned unique identification code), and *are not* provided to the telematics device whose associated unique identifier corresponds with the assigned unique identification code.

Uchida does teach that upon confirming a connection, an authentication process may be performed to ensure that the recipient is able to receive the services. The authentication process suggested by Uchida is a log-in ID and password (See Col. 22, lines 23-26). Such an authentication process generally refers to a user created ID and password, either of which may be associated with more than one user. This type of authentication is not a **unique** identification code associated with or assigned to one particular telematics unit. It is submitted that Uchida neither teaches nor suggests that a unique identification code associated with the requesting telematics device is used to confirm that a pre-selected technical service action is to be provided to the requesting telematics device.

Uchida also teaches that "automatic backup processing of the vehicle information...for the period when free space is provided." (See Col. 21, line 8-10). This suggests that backup information of the requested information may be saved when free space is available in the communication capacity. It is submitted that such a teaching does not lead one to the conclusion that pre-selected technical service actions that are associated with a unique identification code of a respective telematics device are stored in a database for later comparison as recited in revised claims 21 and 29.

For all the reasons stated above, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as defined in claims 21, 29 and those claims depending ultimately therefrom, is not anticipated, taught or rendered obvious by the cited reference (Uchida), either alone or in combination, and patentably defines over the art of record.

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Claims 26-28 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchida et al. (US 6,127,947) in view of Smith (US 6,128,376).

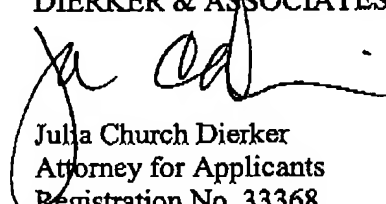
Applicants submit that claims 26-28 and 34 have been canceled herein, and as such, the rejection is moot.

In summary, claims 21, 23, 24, 29, 31 and 32 remain in the application. Claims 35-42 have been added in order to set forth additional specific embodiments of Applicants' invention. It is submitted that, through this amendment, Applicants' invention as set forth in these claims is now in a condition suitable for allowance.

Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, she is cordially invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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